



Marion County
OREGON
ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

July 18, 2013

Ted & Joy Wiberg
3522 Crooked Finger Rd NE
Scotts Mills, OR 97375

RE: Special assessment or a tax deferral for the above property

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wiberg:

Thank you for taking the time to contact our office. I wish I could allow you to be on a farm or forest deferral, but due to a ruling by the Marion County Planning Department based on Oregon Revised Statute 215.236 we are unable to grant your request. The ruling was done in 1986 and it was for a non-farm dwelling permit.

However, there are two other programs which could assist in lowering your taxes. One is Wildlife Habitat and the other is Conservation Easement. I have enclosed the applications for both of these programs. You will need to work with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Wildlife Habitat deferral. The Wildlife Habitat deferral could take up to two years before ODF&W approves your application. For the Conservation Easement, you will need to find a Conservancy or form your own Conservancy in order to qualify for the Conservation Easement program. As you can see both programs are outside our approval scope until certain qualifications are met through an outside source.

I also took the liberty of estimating the 2013-2014 taxes. Most of the value of your property isn't in the land, it is in the buildings. The deferral programs are strictly based on the land, not the buildings.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 503-584-4728 or Mark Heath 503-584-4726.

Sincerely,

Sue Smith
Rural Appraiser

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